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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those individuals who have
4 given their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, On March 30, 2019, Illinois State Police Trooper
6 Gerald "Jerry" Wayne Ellis was on duty in his squad car
7 traveling home on Interstate 94 westbound near milepost 16.75
8 in Green Oaks when a wrong-way driver, who was traveling
9 eastbound in the westbound lanes, struck him head on; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis was an 11-year veteran of Illinois
11 State Police District 15 in Downers Grove; and

12 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis was born in Macomb on January 10,
13 1983; he served in the U.S. Army and lived in Antioch with his
14 family; and

15 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis was preceded in death by his
16 grandparents and Louis and Keith Ellis and Harry Irvin
17 Nicholson and Geraldine Tournear Kindhart; and

18 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis is survived by his wife of nine
19 years, Stacy Ann Voight Ellis; his daughters, Kaylee Ann, and
20 Zoe Olivia Ellis; his parents, Debra Ann Nicholson and Terry

1 (Cindy) Ellis; his brother, Keith Ellis; and his in-laws, Rick
2 and Julie Voight; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of road
6 on Interstate 94 from mile marker 16.50 to mile marker 17 as
7 the "Trooper Gerald W. Ellis Memorial Highway"; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is
10 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
11 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
12 notice of the name "Trooper Gerald W. Ellis Memorial Highway";
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Trooper Ellis and the Chairman of
16 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.